AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

--This application is a U.S. National Phase application filed under 35 U.S.C. 371, of PCT application, PCT/CH2004/006655000655 filed on October 29, 2004. This PCT application claims the priority of Swiss Patent application 1848/03 filed October 30, 2003. The priority date of this PCT application and the Swiss application are claimed for this National Phase U.S. application--